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Southern Aroostook, Isaac Cushman, Sherman Mills, Sept. 26.
Northumberland, J. Orin Ross, Harrington, Oct. 10.
New Gloucester and Danville, F. W. Berry, Upper Gloucester, Sept. 27, 28.
Pine Tree and Trotting Park Association, G. R. Mansis, East Pittston, Sept. 26, 27, 28.
Knox, Geo. C. Hawes, Union, Sept. 26, 27, 28.
Lincoln County, A. I. Phelps, Damariscotta, Oct. 3, 4, 5.
West Oxford, T. L. Eastman, Freeburg, Sept. 26, 27, 28.
Limestone Valley, H. T. Tirrell, Canton, Sept. 26, 27, 28.
West Penobscot, F. E. Jewett, Exeter, Sept. 26, 27, 28.
Richmond Farmers' Club, C. E. Winslow, Richmond Corner, Sept. 26.
Somerset County, J. F. Withers, Anson, Sept. 27, 28.
Ramsdell Park, E. E. Goodwin, Newfield, Sept. 26, 27, 28.
Shireburn and Acton, Fred K. Bowell, Acton, Oct. 3, 4, 5.
Grange Fair, at Alameda Exposition Building, Sept. 26, 27, 28.
Cumberland Clubs' Fair, West Cumberland, Sept. 26th and 27th.
Sandy River Agricultural Society, Starks, Oct. 3rd.

READFIELD FAIR.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

In our last issue the *Farmer* presented a complete report of the opening day at Readfield and the description of stock and hall exhibits. Wednesday was horse day and the interest manifested in this department is good evidence of the greater demand for the well bred colts of Maine.

The first was the 3-year-old stallion, Sir Roy, by Haley, and belonged to H. R. Lishness of Augusta. He weighs about 1,000 pounds and stands 15-2, a rich dark mahogany bay.

C. Wilkes, Hallowell, brought on a 3-year gelding, Nelson W., by Nelson, dam by Dictator Chief, a fine bay, weight 1,025. F. R. Williams, Augusta, had a good 2-years-old stallion. A large Cleveland bay gelding, 3 years old, sire of which the patrons to contribute to the success of the fair.

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G. P. Mace, East Winthrop, had an excellent display of squash.

The thirty crabs of corn, sweet, pop and yellow have already been noticed at length.

The display of jellies, preserves and canned fruit was rich and large. The display of jellies by Mrs. L. K. Litchfield, Winthrop, made an attractive exhibit. Here were some 30 packages of glazed fruits and jellies. Mrs. J. M. Penney and Eva Penney, Belgrade, had over 30 packages. Mrs. J. M. Hutchinson, Winthrop; Justin M. Penney, Belgrade, had over 30 packages. Mrs. C. H. Gordon, Fayette corner; Mrs. G. W. Sedgeley, Winthrop; Mrs. Clara Haines, Readfield; Helen M. Hoyt, Winthrop; Justus M. Penney, Belgrade, had a dozen nice-looking sorts; Mrs. J. C. Hewett a fine lot of pickles.

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A great vegetable and farm produce exhibit was made in lower hall. Potatoes, squash and cabbage, show big this year. The fault with potatoes is, they are too big. C. M. Gile of North Wayne had some big Green Mountain grown on Sagadahoc fertilizer. E. M. S. Abbott of Kent's Hill had turnips and potatoes. Z. H. Thomas, Readfield, made a potato display, also Robert Tibbetts, Readfield; F. M. Stevens, who lives over by the depot; D. A. Mills, Readfield; George Adams, North Wayne; George Glidden, Mt. Vernon; W. H. Hunt, C. D. Winters and L. K. Litchfield, Winthrop, 8 varieties, and so on.

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than any other bull. "Ring or die" is the motto.

Two young granddaugh-
ters are showing the marked dairy talents
of their daughters.

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Home Department. EVERY MOTHER

Will be interested
in the announce-
ment made upon
the fourth page re-
garding the Maine
Farmer.

COURAGE

Because I hold it sinful to despond,
And will not let the bitterness of life
Bind me with burning tears, but look beyond
To tumult and its strife;
Because I lift my head above the mist.
When the sun shines and the broad breezes
Blow;
By ever ray and every rainbow kissed
That God's love doth bestow;
Think you find no bitterness at all?
Nay, to be borne, like Christian's pack?
Thank you there are no ready tears to fall
Because I keep them back;
Why should I lug life's ills with cold reserve,
To curse myself and all who love me? Nay!
A thousand times more good than I deserve
God gives me every day.

And such one of these rebellious tears
Kept bravely back, He makes a rainbow
shine;

Grateful I take His slightest gift, no fears

No any doubts are mine.

Dark skies must clear, and when the clouds
are past,

One golden day redeems a weary year;

Patient I listen, sure that sweet at last
Will sound His voice of cheer.

Then vex me not with chiding. Let me be.

I must be glad and grateful to the end,

I ignore you not your cold and darkness—me

The powers of light befriend.

—By Celia Thaxter.

MERELY HOUSEHOLD MACHINES.

Neither sewing machines nor washing
machines, nor yet coffee mills nor egg
beaters, but women. Women whose
lives run in such deep grooves and con-
tinuous lines that any effort to get them
out threatens destruction to everything
concerned. Women whose washing must
be done on Monday; ironing, Tuesday;
laundry, Wednesday, if the skies fall;
when floors are spotless and whose tin-
ware is a marvel; whose weekly mend-
ing is never a day behind; who would
not let one of his children go with a
button off his shoe for a thousand
dollars, nor take time to tell them a story
for two thousand; who follow their hus-
bands about with a mop lest they leave
a track on the entry floor; whose chil-
dren's playmates shun, and whose own
children find the barn for pleasure
greatly aggrieved if they were not
called model mothers. Mothers! Bah!
Machines is far nearer the mark.

I used to be personally acquainted with
one of these human machines. Her
household matters went like clock work.
Everybody rose at exactly such a time.
You ask her to visit the sick; "I don't
have time; you know I am driven to
death" and yet she has time to keep her
house in perfect order. She is too much
of a machine. Some women persist in
sitting up after the rest of the family
are in bed, sewing or doing work that
were better done at some other time or
not at all.

In fact, the women who practice needless
overwork are innumerable. It is
not wise to crowd the work of two days
into one. There is no excuse for avoid-
able overwork. It is absolutely wicked
and were we to look the matter squarely
and honestly in the face, we would see
that much of the overwork we have
been accustomed to think necessary is in
reality needless. Indeed, we would be
astonished could we see how many hours
are wasted in the performance of work
that we have never looked upon as need-
less before.

Order is Heaven's first law, and is a
most excellent law for earth, and a house-
hold run without a chearless spot; but
don't try to run any home by casting
rules, or try to make a merry, noisy,
bounding boy or girl into an automaton;
don't put the playthings off into some
closet to come out once or twice a month

to shrink the goods before making, which I
find works beautifully. I dampen the
goods well—fairly saturate the cloth—
then roll up tightly and let it lie over
night, and iron on the wrong side. And
it is such a satisfaction to know washing
will not spoil the garments made from
gingham, percale or linen treated thus.
I formerly allowed for and run ticks in
the hem, when I thought of it, but this
is a much better way, and well repays
the extra work of ironing before making.

—Jenny Wren.

A TOWN WITHOUT WOMEN.

Athos, a town situated on a promon-
tory, on the coast of Macedonia, well des-
erves the title of the most curious town
in the universe. The peninsula is known
as "The Mountain of the Monks," from
the fact that a score or so of monasteries
are dotted about the rough hillsides or
the valleys. In these establishments
dwell a numerous body of ascetics, kind
and hospitable to wanderers, but full of
superstition, and believing in the doc-
trine of separation to a wonderful de-
gree.

The actual town, as distinct from its
monastic environs, is called Careys, and
supplies the simple wants of the monks.

Here are to be found streets of shops,
crowded bazaars, flourishing trades and all
the bustle and energy of a modern
town. But one thing soon strikes the
visitor as strange. There is not a female
to be seen anywhere, for the gentler sex

are not recommended for Every-
thing.

But if You Have Kidney or Bladder
Trouble It Will be Found Just
the Remedy You Need.

FARMER'S ART.

We like to hear farmers' wives say we
are farmers, instead of my husband is a
farmer. Whether the farm is large or
small that is usually each one's sphere
to work in, and there is a large field for
one to apply what we shall call farmer's
art, namely, the attractive arrangement
of farm products for marketing. This is
a subject on which much thought and
care can be expended. We have gleaned
a portion from others and part of it
originated in our brain.

A private market with one's acquaint-
ances pays the best; yet very often mer-
chants will pay one more for an attrac-
tively arranged farm product than for
one that is not. If one has both white
and brown eggs to sell how very much
easier each will appear if placed in
separate baskets. Flour sacks washed
perfectly white and starched a little
very much resemble linens, and these
placed in bottom of a basket, and
wrought over the eggs keep out the dust
and add very much to appearances.

We find that women as well as men
are made miserable with kidney and
bladder trouble and both need the same
remedy. The mild and the immediate
effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized.
It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and
one dollar sizes. You may have a sam-
ple bottle by mail free, also pamphlet
telling all about it, including many of
the thousands of testimonial letters re-
ceived from sufferers cured. In writing
Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.,
mention *Maine Farmer*.

DOES COFFEE AGREE WITH YOU?

If not, drink Grains-O—made from pure
grains. It is laid written: "The first time
you eat Grains-O you will not feel well for
one week nothing would induce me to go back
to coffee." It nourishes and feeds the system.

"Captain Snarey's gone," said Wil-
fred, "and he isn't ever comin' back
again."

"I hope not," said his mother.

A CAPABLE mother must be a healthy mother.
The experience of maternity should not be approached
without careful physical preparation.
Correct and practical counsel is what the expectant and would-
be mother needs and this counsel she can secure without cost by
writing to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass.
Mrs. CORA GILSON, Yates, Manistee
Co., Mich., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—Two years ago
I began having such dull, heavy, drag-
ging pains in my back, menses were pro-
fuse and painful and was troubled with
leucorrhœa. I took patent medicines
and consulted a physician, but received no benefit and could
not become pregnant.

"Seeing one of your books, I wrote to you telling you
my troubles and asking for advice. You answered my letter promptly and I followed
the directions faithfully, and derived so
much benefit that I cannot praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound enough. I now find myself
pregnant and have begun its use again. I cannot praise it
enough."

Mrs. PERLEY MOULTON,
Thetford, Vt., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I think Lydia E. Pinkham's
Vegetable Compound is an excellent medicine. I took several bottles of it before
the birth of my baby and got along nicely. I had no
after-pains and am now strong and enjoying good
health. Baby is also fat and healthy."

Mrs. CHAS. GERIG, 304
South Monroe St., Balti-
more, Md., writes: "DEAR
MRS. PINKHAM—Before tak-
ing Lydia E. Pinkham's
Vegetable Compound I was
unable to become pregnant; but since I have used it my
health is much improved, and I have a big baby boy, the joy
and pride of our home."

is rigorously banished from the place.
Even the small Turkish garrison, from
the commandant down to the privates,
consists of bachelors.

This extraordinary law is carried out even
among the domestic animals. Only the wild birds evade it, and then only when free, for no female bird is ever
brought to table; the fowl one has for dinner is sure to be a cockerel. For this unparalleled state of affairs, there is only
a legend to account. Although to our
practical minds, flimsy to a degree, it is
implicitly believed in by the inhabitants.
It appears that in one of the chief monasteries
on the promontory there is a miracul-
ous icon, which is a picture or
image sacred to members of the Russo-
Greek Church. This particular picture is
a representation of the Virgin, and the legend says that one day as the Empress Pulcheria, who had liberally endowed
and restored it, was engaged in her devotions,
she was approached by a monk who
had been a prominent teacher of the
monks. The monk spoke, asking what
she, a woman, was doing in the church.
The pious lady, no doubt amazed, did
not reply, whereupon the voice com-
manded her to leave, saying that the feet
of a woman should never again tread
the floor. The empress, probably sur-
prised at the seeming ingratitude of the
teacher, as well as awestruck, left the
place, which no female has since entered.

How the prohibition thus arbitrarily established came to comprehend the length and breadth of the promontory is not very clear. As a residence
for bashful bachelors, we should imagine
Athos would be hard to surpass.

BOSTON TRANSCRIPT.

SHRINKING GOODS.

I had been so annoyed by having my
every-day ginghams and percale wrap
parts shrink so much when washed the
first time that I thought I would try to
shrink the goods before making, which I
find works beautifully. I dampen the
goods well—fairly saturate the cloth—
then roll up tightly and let it lie over
night, and iron on the wrong side. And
it is such a satisfaction to know washing
will not spoil the garments made from
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the hem, when I thought of it, but this
is a much better way, and well repays
the extra work of ironing before making.

—Jenny Wren.

CORN FRITTERS.

Grate or scrape the corn from the cob.
Put one part of corn pulp allow two well
beaten eggs, half a teaspoonful of salt
and half a saltspoonful of pepper. If the
corn is a little old add also one table-
spoonful of sweet cream. If this is not
required add just enough flour to bind corn and egg together.
About two tablespoonfuls will suffice. Fry in small cakes on a
well greased griddle. Brown well on
each side.

If people would just remember that
four extinguishes blazing gasoline, the
knowledge would be invaluable. Says
the man of the house: "One day our
gasoline stove was blazing and wet
clothes were used without effect, when I
remembered that I had read that flour
would extinguish it completely."

It would be a good idea to paste this up in
your kitchen, so that in an emergency it
may save both life and property.

The following from an exchange is
worth preserving: If a splinter has
been driven into a child's hand it can be
extracted with steam. Nearly fill a
wide mouth bottle with very hot water,
place the injured part over the mouth
and press it slightly. The suction thus
produced will draw the flesh down, and
in a minute or two the steam will extract
the splinter and inflammation together.

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Will the party sending an advertisement from Stickney's Corner please send his or her address to the Maine Farmer office?

When the next legislature meets there will be a radical overhauling of the game laws of the state and some plain talk by the plain people.

The town of Pittston has been indicted for not erecting guide-boards at the intersection of roads according to the State law, and many other towns are on the anxious seats. A proper spirit of enterprise would prompt this step if the law did not require it. Now let the law be enforced in every town.

The delegates to the National Farmers' Congress at Boston, Oct. 3, 4 and 5, are: First district, Dr. J. A. Dearborn, Maplewood; second district, B. W. McKeen, Fryeburg; third district, G. M. Twitchell, Augusta; fourth district, Rainsford Smith, Presque Isle; delegated at large, Elijah Cook, Vassalboro, and O. Gardner, Rockland. It is expected that the full delegation will be present at the sessions.

One of the health officers of a town in Maine said to the writer a few days ago that he had been assailed by a physician in that town, who, with oaths, cursed him for cutting off 25 per cent. of his business by improving the sanitary condition of the town. A physician who will say that will give slow poison to keep a patient under his charge. Human life, to him, is measured simply by the dollars he can squeeze out of it. Fortunately there are very few such men to be found.

Levi Doud, president of the National Live Stock bank of Chicago, who supplies a large number of the best cattle slaughtered in New York, says he can see no signs of lower prices. "The talk of a beef trust is nonsense," said Mr. Doud to a *Drovers' Journal* man. "Fat cattle are scarce and there is a big demand for them, and what can you do but pay high prices? Everybody is at work, people have money to spend, and want good meat, and as long as fat cattle are as scarce in relation to the demand as at present, there will be no chance for cattle prices to go lower."

Mr. Sandford of the "Holy Ghost and Us," is in England raising funds. He seems to be having good success, for he writes: "God told me I was to receive \$25,000 as a result of my trip to England, and I have just sent home the first check for 1000th part of that sum. I went yesterday, to see the steamship companies as to special rates for from 50 to 250 students from Liverpool to Liverpool Falls. Me. Some of the officials nearly fell over backward at my proposition to take all the berths in some of the largest liners. Well, they must become accustomed to great things for my God is a great God."

The late P. T. Barnum was once called upon by a man who had come a long way to see the circus procession, and was much disappointed, finding it far short of his expectations. He said to Mr. Barnum: "I think your show is a fraud and you are a big humbug. You have advertised a league of princely grandeur, and your procession wasn't over a mile long." "Well," said Mr. Barnum, "it was a mile long, wasn't it?" "Yes, I guess it was a mile, but a mile isn't a league; three miles is a league," said he. "Well, there is a mile of it,

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PUBLISHER'S PUBLIC HEALTH.

At the present time, all over the country the press is discussing the question of the health of individuals and what may promote or injure the same. The agitation of the question of embalmed beef and the evidence that powerful agents were being used in food products to prevent the natural process of decomposition has aroused the public mind to the necessity of self protection. The public boards of health, state as well as local, which formerly had general supervision over sanitary matters, have now come to be regarded as protectors of the public health by preventing the use of all articles which can in any way injure or tear down. Among a certain school of scientists are men who catch at straws and run wild over theories, until to day they look upon a public health official as one whose duty is to find new agents to apply to food products which may destroy forms of bacteria working therein and so enable the article to remain in its original natural state.

The effect of these agents upon the health of the individual consumer is apparently lost sight of, and science, as called, has been running wild after speculations. It is high time that the public health be made the chief end and aim of all public services of health officials, and instead of searching in the dim shadow of the laboratory for some new chemical compounds which may prevent milk, meat or fruit from passing through natural changes let them set themselves to the task of protecting, by seeking to insure pure and healthy products for consumption. Public laws were formulated to check, not encourage, fraud, and public officials are sworn to guard public health. If much has been accomplished in the way of sanitation the greater the need of much more activity in the future.

What concerns the private individual most is that the officials set to prevent deception in adulteration or preserving food products, keep clean in mind the duties they have sworn to perform. If legislation is weak and imperfect then let it be strengthened, for there is, there can be, no question of greater importance than that of public health. Towns and cities will be forced to enact more stringent laws for self preservation and milk inspectors must be appointed clothed with ample authority to punish every man who attempts to foist a doctor can of milk on the consumer, or to keep his cows, cart or cans in an unhealthy or unsanitary condition. This must be the duty of health officers rather than the making of chemical or microscopic examinations of foreign substances "warranted to preserve milk, meat and fruit." What is wanted now is food products warranted to conserve public health by their absolute freedom from deleterious or unsanitary substances. Let us have less science and more supervision.

DRIFTING ON THE ROCKS.

Maine is in a bad way. The State of Maine is in a bad way with reformers on one hand making charges which cannot be substantiated, and which must detract from the force of their positive declarations, and offend the courts of justice ignoring the plain requirements of law.

At a union meeting of the Maine Civic League at Waterville, Rev. W. L. Berry, state manager, declared in substance that "the young men are drifting to day away from the paths of temperance and sobriety into those trodden by rummers and rumdrinkers." That this is true of a fractional part must be admitted, but if the habit is becoming general, then the preacher and the reformer had better modify their methods.

We would acknowledge the receipt of the September issue of the *Maine Central*, abounding in attractive game illustrations from different sections in Maine and the Provinces. It constitutes a very attractive number.

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DREYFUS PARDONED.

Those who followed closely the testimony in the Dreyfus trial, and realized the persistent purpose of the army to make him the scapegoat for all their evil doing, were not surprised at the verdict of guilty, even though contrary to all the evidence. The prosecution seemed determined to rest its case on the opinion of military men, even after forgery and fraud had been admitted and the perpetrators had committed suicide. Conviction secured and the honor of the army vindicated, the pardon of the innocent victim was practically promised in advance. This was not what the defense wanted, and the testimony establishing the innocence of Dreyfus was overwhelming. It is impossible under our form of government and system of court management to appreciate the case as it presented itself to the average Frenchman with his intense hatred of the Jews. At the same time the finding of the verdict seems to have calmed the turbulent waters, and the pardon of Dreyfus by the Cabinet insures freedom and immunity for the long persecuted man.

What effect this will have upon the impulsive people of France cannot yet be told, but taken in connection with other complications and internal disturbances, a revolution is by no means impossible. Meanwhile, Dreyfus is soon to be free restored to his family and rights of citizenship, if not to his position in the army.

PURE OR IMPURE MILK.

Sec'y Randall of the Board of Health, who endorsed the use of preservative agents in milk as "not only harmless but beneficial," adds another chapter in which the strange claim is made that: "This is the first summer that this substance has been used to any extent, and the vital statistics compiled at the office of the city clerk and which are open to any one, conclusively show that the death rate from intestinal diseases is less by 50 per cent. than any previous year since we have had vital statistics.

The Board of Health is too modest to claim that all this decrease in death rate is due to improved municipal sanitation, neither is it due to the grace of God unaided."

The logic of the above is a strong endorsement for the fraud attempted in treating milk. In addition, he says: "It might be said here in passing that there is not one case of typhoid fever in the city at present. Whether the chemical used is cyanide of potassium, corrosive sublimate, bedbug poison, embalming fluid or dioxethyne, the inhabitants of this city are thriving on it. So we modestly claim it is harmless, and people will not be interfered with if they pursue their present methods."

The citizens of Augusta face this situation. Some of the milkmen are declared to be using a preservative, not to insure a better quality of milk, but simply to prevent its passing through natural changes. Thus the milk furnished the family to-day may be fresh from the cow or a week old, and the Board of Health "modestly claims it to be harmless," and so saves notice that the brand will not be "interfered with." Before the preventive or curative qualities, or "cyanide of potassium, corrosive sublimate, embalming fluid, bedbug poison, or dioxethyne," or any other agents, are destroyed forms of bacteria working therein and so enable the article to remain in its original natural state.

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MAINE MUSIC FESTIVALS.

The Maine Music Festivals which will be held this fall in Portland and Bangor, October 2d to 7th, will be one of the greatest musical events of the season. Although this is but the third year of these festivals in Maine, the array of soloists and the works to be given place them in a high position of importance.

The director and organizer of this great event is Mr. William R. Chapman of New York, who is well known as a conductor and composer. The work which Mr. Chapman has accomplished in Maine has been almost phenomenal; he has established choruses throughout the state, which comprise more than two thousand voices; and has also organized the Maine Symphony Orchestra, which is composed entirely of Maine musicians. He has brought to these festivals the greatest singers in the world.

Director Chapman has engaged for bright particular star of his Maine firmament, this year, Madame Marcella Sembrich, who is acknowledged to be the greatest coloratura soprano singer in the world. Mme. Sembrich will be heard at the festival in two of her greatest solos, "Frühlingstimmen Waltz" which was written especially for her by the late Johann Strauss, and in the grand aria from Verdi's "La Traviata."

Richard Burmeister is to be the pianist of the Festival. Mr. Burmeister will play his adaptation of the Liszt, "Concerto Pathétique," as well as several shorter selections as solos. Mme. Charlotte Macada, Mme. Eva Gardner Coleman, Miss Carrie Bridewell, Miss Bertha Cushing, Mr. Frank Pollock, Mr. Harry Pepper, Mr. Gwynn Miles, Mr. Julian Walker, will be the other soloists.

The favorite singers and musicians of Maine will also appear in the second matinee, which will be given up to the works of Maine composers.

Charles Maxim, Buckfield, has a 4 month old bay stud, by Bay Nelson, dam Lucy Clair, by Eclair, entered in the 22nd class. Dewey is looking well, 900 pounds, sired by a descendant from Albino, dam a Morgan mare, entered for premiums.

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City News.

Hon. J. H. Manley is in Philadelphia this week where he is to receive the 39th Masonic degree.

The Odd Fellows in attendance upon the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Detroit are having a royal time.

Mr. A. T. Murphy, one of the popular business men of Augusta, is about to move to Massachusetts to engage in business.

Many important improvements have been made at St. Catherine's and the term opens with a much larger attendance.

The trial in the Whitehouse case seems likely to go over until December, a demurral having been filed by his counsel.

The removal of the front wall of the old Journal building enables one to judge of the great improvement to Water street when the block is completed.

Thomas N. Doutney, the well-known temperance lecturer, has definitely arranged to be here a week, either the last of October or the very first of November.

The efficiency of the Augusta Board of Health is saving the city from an increase of diphtheria. Dr. Randall is doing good service and richly deserves a word of commendation, not of criticism.

Augusta is noted for its good singers and those who have the pleasure of listening to the choir at the Winthrop Street Universalist church can bear testimony to the excellence of the music.

Mr. J. W. Beck is chorister, Mrs. H. E. Bond, soprano, Miss Georgia Clark, contralto, and Mr. J. F. Dyer, tenor.

Among the many musical artists of Augusta must be counted Miss Lena Beane, pianist and organist, one of the most thorough, painstaking, skillful and completely equipped teachers and players the city has known for years. Her studio at 10 Spring street is now open and those wishing instruction will do well to secure her services.

County News.

Everybody will want to go to Sidney fair Sept. 30th, one of the best local fairs of the state.

The extremely low water in the Kennebec prevents the mills on the river from running full time.

Alonso Getchell of Wilmington, Del., is visiting his brother, Hartwell, at River side. This was his old home, but he has been away many years.

The Maine Central machine shop crews at Waterville are being worked Sundays, as well as week days, to keep up with the work on hand.

The school at Oak Grove Seminary is progressing finely under the charge of the new principal, Prof. Arthur Charles. There are 70 scholars enrolled.

The Gardiner Band has been secured to furnish music for the Pittman fair, Sept. 26-27-28. The management is repairing the fences and making preparations for the best exhibit ever given.

A recital was given, Saturday, in Sidney, by Mrs. G. R. Campbell's music pupils. About 35 guests were present. An excellent programme of some four numbers was rendered, after which cream and cake were served.

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NECK OR NOTHING.

By JEANNETTE H. WALWORTH.

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"Perhaps concourse was too extravagant a word, but a good many people have gone by. The Strongs—that is, Mrs. Strong and Mr. Martin, in that smart new barouche Judge Martin gave his mother. And the Chambliss, all of them, and—"

"I know—I know. It is at the church. Liza's boy is to be christened there today. And afterward they are to have a grand dinner at Sans Souci, a family reunion."

"And Mrs. Randal Chambliss never thought of inviting you?"

"Oh, yes—yes, indeed, father. Liza never forgets me. But I could not go, you know."

"Why not?"

"They are all to be there—all of the Martins, father. I could not be there." She got up and went back to her machine and set it in motion once more with a violent jerk. The professor turned his head away from her. It was pleasanter looking out on the passers-by than in the lie-hopper and the chicken coops.

"Then the governor will not be likely to remember that this is chess day." Presently he said plaintively, "I am afraid my affliction makes me very dependent upon others."

"Can't you teach me to play chess, father, so that you shan't be dependent upon outsiders for your entertainment? I think I am not too stupid to learn."

His voice was pitched in a querulous tone, an unusual thing for her under the most exasperating circumstances.

"Strong is surely what one would call an outsider," said the professor in mild rebuke. "We were very nearly close to one another in the three years we fought side by side, and many a long hot march we have tramped together, sharing one canteen between us. The old man was all in to me when I was shot in the leg, my daughter, and later, when I had camp fever, and if there is any human being above another to whom you and I do owe a debt of gratitude it is to that grand old man at Sans Souci."

"Yes, father. If ever I can pay it I will. And he hasn't forgotten that it is chess day, after all!"

From where she sat she could only see that a vehicle had stopped in front of the house. The two crude myrtles that guarded the gate either side hid the upper part of the vehicle and its occupants from view. The professor lifted his head briskly.

"He is not alone, Mary, my dear. Judge Martin is helping him from the buggy. He is coming in. No, he has gone back into the buggy. Strong is coming in by himself. He is walking unusually fast. Something out of the ordinary must be the matter. Meet him at the door, at least, my daughter."

Mamie moved forward reluctantly. Why should she go joyously to meet this old man who had just helped to put an affront upon her? Was it not almost as if he had rebuked her for her obstinacy by driving to her very door with Strong Martin by his side? But her lagging feet carried her to the door in ample time to open it for the governor, who walked slowly, leaning upon his staff heavily as he came. He nodded to her when their eyes met.

"Where is Ambrose? Ah, there! His hat, Mamie! Fling those shavings off your vest, old comrade. Here, your crutches. Now, then, by order of the queen no one is to work today. Sans Souci proclaims it a holiday. You are wanted at the house, Ambrose, and I'm under bonds to see that you get there in good time for your dinner. Martin is waiting out there to drive you out."

"Yes, but—"

The prospect of a drive through the sweet smelling woods and a whole afternoon spent on the broad, shady veranda at Sans Souci in luxurious idleness brought a delicate flush of pleasure to the old man's withered cheeks. He turned his eyes wistfully on Mamie. She stood rigidly unresponsive, only by the nervous twisting of her fingers in and out of each other betraying her knowledge of what was going on. The professor's delight vanished before her sullen silence. "Yes, but—my daughter. She—"

The governor brought his stick violently down upon the floor, so near Mamie's feet that she started involuntarily.

"Your daughter is an obstinate young simpleton who is about to do this entire neighborhood an irreparable injury. I have come here to tell her so. I expect to consume every minute of the time that it will take Strong Martin to drive you from here to my house and to come back for me in an effort to convince her of her own silliness. If I fail, it will not be because the silliness does not exist, but because her egotism and her obstinacy will not let her be convinced. There, miss, did ever a man, young or old, dare to address you in the language of truth before?

"Martin is waiting for you, Ambrose. He is a patient man. No one knows better than your daughter how patient he is, but his beasts, not being infatuated with an obstinate girl, are nearly so patient. Your place is waiting you at the Sans Souci table to-day, old comrade. Here. There now, we're coming, Martin; coming just as fast as two battered old war hulks can be navigated."

Sid by side the two old men passed from her presence, leaving her standing there motionless in her stony resolution not to yield to the outside pressure that was once more being brought to bear upon her view of Strong Martin's war record.

She heard the slow, even thud of her father's crutches on the brick walk that stretched between the house and the gate. Could he forgive him? She recalled the red anger that had swelled the saber out across the governor's left temple. And he! Of what childish, unseemly stuff those two old men must be made. Only she was firm, consistent, right.

She stooped and carefully gathered the black shavings from the matted floor. Such a tiny little house! Every particle of litter showed so conspicuously. She hung the velvet skullcap that the governor had impetuously removed from her father's head with his own hands on the back of the chair. She was glad they had come for him, glad he was going to have a pleasant, work free day among the Strong and the Chambliss.

With what gusto her father and the

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old wound, dear child."

He got up and walked away from her, walked as far as the end of the little porch, where he stood reflecting a moment. Her voice penetrated his ears and his heart. A sweet olive spread its glossy green canopy over the sheath of the sun, alays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhea. Twenty-four hours later, he was well again.

"James," said a motherly woman to a young lady. "How stupid of me! I can see the horns on his ankles."—Cincinnati Enquirer

"One good turn deserves another." Those who have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla are glad to tell others about it.

"Uncle James," said a young lady who was spending a few days in the country, "is that chicken at the gate a Brahmin?"

"No," replied Uncle James. "He's a Leghorn."

"Why, of course, to be sure!" said the young lady. "How stupid of me! I can see the horns on his ankles."—Cincinnati Enquirer

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The long, hot, lonely day burned itself out at last. They dined late at Sans Souci. Her father would not be coming home before bedtime. The cicadas were shrilling in the locust trees behind the cottage. The fragrance of the sweet olive fell heavily upon the air. She seated herself on the bench beneath it with a book in her hand. Empty pretenses! She was a fool to pretend of any sort. And yet was she not pretending with herself?

She stood up and broke off an olive branch, threw it away and broke another—she had suddenly grown choice and motherhood ends it is estimated that the aggregate term of woman's suffering is ten years.

"Mrs. Morgan was disengaged. No one would ever know. It was only a step, just to the end of the lane, and he just suited her exactly."

"Yessir, but it might have been wuss."

"Worse! Why, he's the brawndinner, isn't he?"

"Worse! But it might have been mother, and she's the rent an' oil an' tea an' clothes an' sugar an' milk an' meat wunnerful!"—Pick-Me-Up

Between the ages of fifteen and forty, the time when womanhood begins and motherhood ends, it is estimated that the aggregate term of woman's suffering is ten years.

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"Put it on his table, his bureau, anywhere where he will see it when he comes home. And, Mrs. Morgan, speak of your bringing it—you know—

"I know, I know, good child. I ain't been a toothless old hag all my life. He'll get it. Trust me for that."

But Mamie was far beyond reach of these consolatory words. A few steps, just to the end of the lane, and she was back home once more, quivering, flushing, blushing there all alone for the bold, foolish thing she had done.

The crescent moon came slowly up out of the east and found her sitting there under the olive tree, wide eyed, nervous, expectant.

They dined late at Sans Souci. Her father would not be home yet for an hour. The silver moonbeams fell silent of the craze myrtle by the gate and made a square of brightness about it. Something was moving in the light. The latch was lifted and dropped. Some one was coming up the walk.

There had been no sound of wheels. There was no sound of crutches. In a soft, frightened voice she called:

"Father!"

"Mamie!"

"Is it you? Oh!"

She drew back close against the wall. Flight was her chief desire, but there was no time for it. He had taken possession of the other end of her bower. He laid his aside, and the light sifted through the olive branches above them showed her a noble head, a pallid face, a pair of burning eyes, a stern chiseled mouth. He laid an olive branch upon her lap.

"You brought it to me voluntarily, did you not, dear?"

It was the olive branch she had left for him such a little while ago. Denial was impossible, acknowledgment was difficult.

"You—you—how did you get it, son? I thought you were with the rest of them."

"No, I was at home, making my preparations for departure. The boat is looked for about midnight. You brought me this dear token of good will voluntarily, did you not, Mamie? Don't trifl with me any longer. The strain has lasted a long time. And it has been severer than you fancy. It must be lifted.

"How much do you want it mean?"

"It was a shy whisper.

"All—everything. I want it to mean indorsement, surrender, forgiveness, love, happiness."

"I think—I think—oh, Strong, Strong, the unconquerable love of my heart constrains me! Yes, it means all that."

He gathered her close to his heaving breast. There was no uttered word—betrothal, but under the sweet olive branches they sat silent, contented, united. The moon mounted higher and gazed down upon them more inquisitively. What she saw was a strong man holding a girl's slender hands clasped tenderly between his own. What she heard was a glad, tranquil voice murmur:

"Thank God! At last I am truly on the winning side!"

THE END.

Clergymen are favored mortals. It

will not be said of them, perhaps, that they always marry for money, but all the same they generally get it; and what more to the purpose, they get the money without having to take the woman.

I owe Strong Martin a debt that far antedates and far transcends the war record he has made. Back yonder, in his college days—let me tell it as briefly as possible—my Adrien, poor weak son of a weak father, gambled himself into a disgraceful predicament. Strong Martin suffered vicariously for the un-detected wrongdoing of my grandson. His whole life was affected by it. It drove him into the enemy's ranks. It was Adrien Strong who made a Federal of Strong Martin. It was from Adrien's own lips I received this confession, when he thought he was going to die of the fever that made wreck of his intellect. Through all the imbibed years of his young manhood the overseer's son protected my good name. Is that nothing to be grateful for?

"Only within the last year has he known that I knew how much I owe him. I had not thought ever to let him the bandages off that old wound?"

"Because I am too good a surgeon to leave a bandage on an unprobed wound. Do you suppose it costs me nothing to

place this perilous confidence in a girl?" She turned her pitying, luminous eyes full upon him and laid her hand gently on his shoulder:

"I have known it all these years. It was for that I first loved him. If I could have proved it on your grandson, I would have done it—done it gladly—but did he—did he send you here to tell all this to me?"

"Martin send me here! No." But he bent his white head in listening attitude—"he is coming back for me. I hear his horses up the road." He laid the spray of sweet olive upon his folded hands. "My dear, may I not carry that olive branch to him from you? Love seldom chooses so grabbed a go-between, but I will carry your message to him faithfully and gladly, little girl. You alone can keep him. We need him. You are driving him away from us."

She stood up, trembling in every nerve.

"I cannot, I cannot—I will not!"

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Grange News.

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Sept. 23—Sagadahoc Pomona, Brewer.
Sept. 27—Sagadahoc Pomona, Bowdoinham.
Lecturer Cook's Appointments.
Sept. 28—Detroit.
Oct. 10—Wales.
Oct. 14—Newark.

Cuanhoo grange, Riverside, will hold its annual grange fair Saturday, Oct. 7, when full exhibits in every department are expected. This is one of the good grange fairs and should be well patronized.

Grange fairs and cattle shows are becoming a common feature throughout the state, and one capable of accomplishing a good service. East Wilton makes its announcement for Sept. 30 with a very attractive programme.

East Hebron grange will hold their annual fair at their hall, Saturday, the 23d inst. A general invitation is extended to all. Bring along your exhibits of farm products, fancy work and antiquities. By the way! bring along that pair of horses and let them pull. There will be three classes of pulling horses and there will be some "clawing" with good weather. A fine time is assured.

Dexter grange at its last meeting, Sept. 16th, elected the following officers to take charge of the grange fair which will be held Oct. 11th and 12th: President, W. H. Curtis; directors, Jacob Puffer, Everett Atkins, A. A. Eastman; Treas., W. O. Eaton; Secy., J. L. Bussell. Everybody is invited to bring in their exhibits as well as the pretty babies. We hope to have one of the best fairs ever held in Dexter.

The new grange hall at South Sanger-ville was dedicated by State Master Gardner, Wednesday, Sept. 13. The day was fine, and nearly 300 worthy patrons and friends met to show their interest and enjoy the ceremonies, which were very impressive. Friends were present from two states, seven counties and 17 towns. State Master O. Gardner performed the ceremony in a manner entirely satisfactory to every patron. After the ceremony of dedication a recess was declared for dinner, when all repaired to the banquet hall. The afternoon session was devoted to short speeches for the good of the order, and congratulations for the success of the grange, interspersed with music. The speakers were Bros. Leland, Gerry, Plummer, Gray, Sturtevant, Jose, and Sisters Jose, Hewett and others, followed by State Lecturer Elijah Cook, who gave one of his earnest and instructive lectures, which was very much enjoyed by all present. State Master Gardner followed with an interesting address, and I voice the expression of the entire audience in saying all felt well repaid for the effort in visiting So. Sangerville grange.

PATRON.

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Resolutions of Respect.

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This will be the third fair given under the management and with the army of workers interested in booming the attraction it is expected that the success in former years will be repeated.

The fair will be opened to the public every afternoon and evening.

ANDROSCOGGIN POMONA.

Androscoggin Pomona held their September session on the second Wednesday to take charge of the grange fair which will be held Oct. 11th and 12th: President, W. H. Curtis; directors, Jacob Puffer, Everett Atkins, A. A. Eastman; Treas., W. O. Eaton; Secy., J. L. Bussell. Everybody is invited to bring in their exhibits as well as the pretty babies. We hope to have one of the best fairs ever held in Dexter.

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Promptly at ten o'clock the gavel of Worthy Master Drummond fell and the grange was opened in the fifth degree. No work appearing in this degree a change was made to the fourth and the programme taken up. After music by the Albion choir which provided music for the day, and by the way, they "did themselves proud," giving that of a high quality and a good deal of it, Sister Ella Kennedy who, in the absence of the lecturer, was to teach the school, read an interesting paper on the subject assigned her. "How can our schools be improved by the teachers the ensuing year?" which will be published in the Farmer. Following this was an address of welcome by Sister H. M. Mudgett, able and interestingly responded to by Bro. G. K. Hastings of Sidney grange. A very spirited discussion of the subject presented by Sister Kennedy's paper was opened by Bro. Powell of Clinton who has had the experience of 90 terms as a teacher, followed by Sister Kennedy, Bro. Baker of Albion, Sister Powell, Bro. Merrill of Silver Lake grange, Bro. Crowell of Riverside grange and others; the consensus of opinion being that our teachers should be fitted more fully and thoroughly with practical knowledge and possess the faculty of imparting the same to the pupil, to the end that the scholar upon leaving the rural school might have a good store of knowledge

to Buffalo and is capable of doing more work than is now done by 10 or a dozen of the largest manufacturing cities of New England. This decreases the flow of water over Niagara Falls only about an eighth of an inch and several feet could be spared without materially injuring that great natural scenery.

"The possibilities of power in the future are dazzling, indeed, without a single other invention. Both freight and passengers could be carried from the Atlantic to the Pacific in half the time and with half the cost of the present use of steam.

"In order to keep up with the times the farmer must be a constant student. Agriculture offers as great inducements for the investments of capital and promises as great returns as any line of business in the world. In western Iowa a man invested \$25,000 in a plant to raise corn and in a year's time made 10½ per cent. on his investment. Show me where any honest legitimate business offers a greater reward?

"But the cry used to be heard that farming doesn't pay but that is a thing of the past. Agriculture is now profitable. Beef raising is profitable in Maine and is sure to be so in the future. The best statistics that can be gathered by the government show that the production has not kept up with the demand but the farmer fails to take into account the great blessings he enjoys every day.

"A man told me, yesterday, that he spent 10 years in Fulton Market, New York City, was up every morning at 2 o'clock, worked hard and made what he claimed a good living, but health failed him and he came upon a farm in Maine. And he finds that it would cost him at least \$2,500 a year to live as well in New York City as he lives now upon the farm in Penobscot country. And yet he does not take into account the blessings of pure air, the untold blessing to the children of the grand play grounds they have upon the farm.

"The prospect of making strong men with noble characters of the boys is far greater upon the farm than it can be in the large city. Strong as competition is there is always room at the top and the boy who is diligent and persevering, earnest in developing mind and body, inspired by noble surroundings to build a strong character can no more be kept down than Garfield could have been held to the tow path nor Lincoln to the flat boat.

HOW WE FOUND THE MARKET.

Cattle, 290; sheep, 675; hogs, 50; veals, 638; horses, 136.

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Exports from Boston the past week was 2,055 cattle and 23 horses. Cablegram shows a slow market on state cat at 11½@12½¢ as sold dressed weight.

HOSE AWARDS AT MAINE STATE FAIR.

The Farmer presents at this time the first complete list of awards made in the horse department at the Maine State Fair. The judging was not completed until the last day of the fair and the books not returned in season for the secretary to verify before the fair closed. We are indebted to Secretary Clarke for having the lecturer prepare for the meetings as they come.

At the noon hour a recess was taken for refreshments. Centre Minot grange, though small numerically, is large in hospitality, as the many patrons present will testify.

Excelsior grange, under the direction of their lecturer, P. P. Pulsifer, presented mixed entertainment, consisting of music, songs, declamations and readings. State Superintendent of Schools, W. W. Stetson, being present, occupied the time for a while with one of his characteristic speeches. She dwelt at length upon the need of improved roads, the benefits they would give the farmer, and through him, other classes, by lessening the cost of transporting to the market, &c., better methods of doing farm work, the need of saving the greatest amount of farm products with the least manual labor. From the consideration of these subjects he passed to the school question, which, when rightly conducted, has a tendency to aid in bringing about results along the lines above mentioned, as well as among many other lines.

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Sister Pulsifer of Lake View grange gave a paper showing the standing of the mother in connection with the late war; also something of the work of training nurses in the hospitals.

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